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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 17, 2004  
10:00 A.M.

The City Council met in special session at the above place and date at 10:39 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Anthony W. Cobos present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, Paul J. Escobar, and Vivian Rojas. Absent: John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power

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## AGENDA

1. Discussion and action on the City of El Paso Recycling Policies.
2. The Legislative Review Committee of the Whole of the City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Legislative Review Committee of the Whole of the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY	
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY	
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS	
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS	
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES	
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
	NEGOTIATIONS	

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1. Discussion and action on the City of El Paso Recycling Policies.

Ms. Emma Acosta, Director of Solid Waste Management, gave a Powerpoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's office) and responded to questions from the Council Members regarding the recycling program budget figures, unmanned recycling sites, and curbside recycling. She stated that proposals for unmanned/curbside recycling programs would be prepared by the department and that meetings with Representative Austin and the private sector would be held.

Representatives Cushing and Lozano asked Ms. Acosta questions regarding the proposed recycling program budget figures. Representative Lozano requested further detail pertaining to equipment, scheduling, etc. for the curbside recycling program.

Representative Austin requested that Ms. Acosta present an item to the Council Members proposing the City of El Paso incorporate unmanned recycling sites. She additionally requested that Ms. Acosta present the Council with examples of cities utilizing curbside recycling service and expressed concern regarding funding a recycling program that may operate at a loss. She determined that a Legislative Review Meeting for the Solid Waste Department would be scheduled within the next two weeks to allow further discussion on the matter and invited participation from citizens as to the public education issues of having un-manned sites.

Mayor Pro Tem Cobos explained that the elderly would require assistance removing recyclable materials from their vehicles and asked Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Financial and Administrative Services, what the cost savings in landfill space and monies would be if the curbside and/or unmanned recycling programs were launched.


Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Financial and Administrative Services, explained that a proposal from the private sector for unmanned recycling sites had been presented to City staff and noted the budget savings that were estimated to be generated from the proposal. He explained that the City could not negotiate a recycling contract on that proposal unless the City incurred no cost. He explained the cost to operate the landfill was \$2 million.

The following members of the public spoke and/or responded to comments or questions by the Council Members:

- Mr. Marco Robles, El Paso Community Disposal, gave a presentation on his company's proposal for unmanned recycling sites and curb pick up. (on file in the City Clerk's office);
- Ms. Delores Brito, citizen, urged the Council to adopt a stronger recycling program;
- Mr. Bill Sparks, Eastside Civic Association, requested that the City study models across the county in order to pick one that fits El Paso.

Motion made by Representative Escobar, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 11:56 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk